



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

KT

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/834,078	04/12/2001	Nobukazu Suzuki	1232-4706	2751
27123	7590	01/12/2005	EXAMINER	
MORGAN & FINNEGAN, L.L.P. 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER NEW YORK, NY 10281-2101			LEE, CHEUKFAN	
			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			2622	
DATE MAILED: 01/12/2005				

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/834,078	SUZUKI, NOBUKAZU	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Cheukfan Lee	2622	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 August 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 13-15 and 21 stand is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 16-20 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 12 April 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: ____ .

1. Claims 13-15 and 21 stand withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on August 27, 2004.

Applicant's election with traverse of species I in the reply filed on August 27, 2004 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the species are not patentably distinct. This is not found persuasive because species I is directed to an image reading apparatus having a plurality of operation modes and an operation mode determination unit, which unit is not found in species II, and species II is directed to communication between an image reading apparatus and an external apparatus (computer) and controlling the apparatus using a signal from the external apparatus as a result of the communication, which is not found in species I. As evidenced by the above, claim 1 not generic either since species II does not have the operation mode determination unit.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters (see also section 3):

In claim 1, line 6, "at the least" should be changed to – the at least --.

Claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-12 are objected to in this Office action.

Claims 16-20 are allowed.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

3. This application contains claims 13-15 and 21 drawn to a species non-elected with traverse as discussed above. A complete response to the final rejection/*Ex parte Quayle* must include cancellation of non-elected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) MPEP § 831.01.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-12 and 16-20 would be/are allowable over the prior art of record including the closest prior art Toyoda et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,825,505). Examiner agrees with Applicant on that the Toyoda et al. does not disclose the power supply controller that selectively uses one of at least two power supplies required by independent claims 1 and 16. The apparatus of Toyoda et al. operates in a specific mode on the basis of the specific power supply arrangement to which the disclosed apparatus is connected for operation, but the controller of Toyoda et al., itself, does not select on of at least two power supplies and operate in a specific mode on the basis of which power supply was selected by the controller. Please refer to Applicant's remarks filed Aug. 27, 2004, pages 12-13 and Toyoda et al., col. 10, lines 19-67 and col. 4, lines 48-67.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheukfan Lee whose telephone number is (703) 305-4867. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on (703) 305-4712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

Cheukfan Lee
January 5, 2005


